

MINUTES

LE-HI-HO Board of Directors Meeting
January 18, 1977
7:00 P.M.
Residence of Rick and Ron

Attendance:

Board Members: Rick Balmer
Ken Burke
Roger Edelman
Ron Seeds ✓
Bob Steelman

Members: Helmuth Baerwald

OFFICERS: The following board members were chosen officers for 1977: Chairperson - Ken Burke; Secretary - Bob Steelman; Treasurer - Ron Seeds.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The Chairperson recommended Joel Ressler and Jack Rudy to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors; the recommendation was approved without opposition.

ACTIVITY COORDINATORS: The following members volunteered or were suggested as coordinators of activities and services:

Programs: Ken Burke
Social Activities: Joe Burns
LE-HI-HO News, Editor: Rick Balmer
Librarian: Roger Edelman
Archivist: Roger Edelman
Membership and Welcoming Committee: Bob Pfenning
Speakers Bureau: Rick Balmer
Auditor: Helmuth Baerwald
Mailbox: Bob Steelman

Three other committees were proposed, but no action was taken at this time: Media; Political and Civil Rights; Refreshments.

LE-HI-HO NEWS: Ken reported Lehigh Stationery Company had reproduced the January issue (4 sides, 250 copies) for \$24.70. The Board expressed its satisfaction with this arrangement. Friday, February 4, was set as deadline for getting material for the February issue to Rick or Ken and February 9 as the mailing date in order to publicize the Valentine dance-party on the 12th. Potential articles for the February issue were discussed and assigned.

SENATE BILL NO. 83, 1977: Ken reported that state senator Nolan had introduced another anti-gay bill, similar to previous unsuccessful bills, barring homosexuals from state employment in certain areas.

MEDIA PUBLICITY: The problem of getting notices of general meetings and reports of activities publicized, especially in city and college newspapers was discussed. Helmuth reviewed his experiences in this area in the past. Individual, personal contacts with newspaper staffpersons was suggested as the best solution to the problem.

Discussion of a forthcoming article about the Stonewall Bar in The Valley Monthly resulted in the Secretary's being asked to contact the editor of the magazine about the desirability of using LE-HI-HO's services should it plan to publish articles on gay people in the Lehigh Valley.

RURAL CAUCUS: Ken reported several inquiries had been made about LE-HI-HO's reaffiliating itself with the Rural Gay Caucus to present a united front in the upcoming effort to have the Pennsylvania anti-sodomy laws repealed. The Board voted unanimously to reestablish its ties with the Caucus. The selection of a liason person was discussed; a decision was postponed until the subject could be brought before the general membership at the January meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The lack of any official action on the November report of the Involvement Committee was pointed out by Bob, leading to a decision to have the Secretary review the minutes of 1976 Board meetings and compile a list of unresolved business for inclusion on the agenda of the February Board meeting.

FEBRUARY MEETING: Jack Rudy's residence was tentatively chosen as the location for the February Board meeting, February 23, 1977, 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert Steelman
Robert Steelman, Secretary
January 30, 1977